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1. AS REPORTED REF A, GOE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERING
SENDING A MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATION TO KUWAIT TO TALK
ABOUT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. IT IS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD
DOING SO AS A RESULT OF OUR URGING (REF C). WE HAVE IN
PAST URGED EGYPTIANS TO DO SO ON BASIS AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
MESSAGES SUGGESTING KUWAITIS MIGHT BE A BIT MIFFED THAT
EGYPTIANS NEVER APPROACH THEM DIRECTLY.

2. WE NOTE FROM REF B THAT NOT ONLY SAUDIS, BUT
MOST RECENTLY KUWAITIS (IN THE PERSON OF SHEMALI) NOW
TAKE THE LINE THAT THE SAUDIS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
HANDLE THE KUWAITIS RE GODE. WE ARE FRANKLY PUZZLED. IF
SHEMALI IS SPEAKING AUTHORITATIVELY, THIS RAISES THE
QUESTION OF WHETHER PROPOSED EGYPTIAN MINISTERIAL DELEGA-
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TION SHOULD GO. IF SHEMALI'S COMMENT WAS A PERSONAL VIEW,
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US TO HAVE SOME CLEARER INDICATION
OF JUST WHAT THE KUWAITIS WANT. SHOULD WE NOW, AFTER
HAVING URGED THE EGYPTIANS TO SEND A MINISTERIAL LEVEL
ENVOY, TELL THEM THAT THEY OUGHT NOT TO DO SO? THE
ALTERNATIVE IS TO LET THE MATTER BE HANDLED BETWEEN THE
EGYPTIANS AND THE KUWAITIS; BUT IF KUWAITIS ARE NOT

PREPARED TO ACCEPT MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATION, WE TOO
LOOK FOOLISH.

3. APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER.
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